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SUB: "CHINESE YOUTH" SEND LETTERS TO PRESIDENT CARTER, GENERAL  
SECRETARY BREZHNEV

1. SUMMARY. LETTERS ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND GENERAL  
SECRETARY BREZHNEV DRAFTED BY AN ANONYMOUS "CHINESE YOUTH"  
WERE DROPPED IN A PEKING PARK WITH A NOTE SOLICITING THE  
ASSISTANCE OF ANY "FOREIGN FRIEND" IN GETTING THEM TO THEIR  
DESTINATION. BOTH LETTERS EXPRESSED THE UNITED RESOLVE OF  
CHINESE YOUTH TO FIGHT THE SOVIET UNION. END SUMMARY.

2. A DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE HAS PASSED TO USLO A PAIR OF  
LETTERS DEPOSITED IMMEDIATELY BEHIND HIM IN PEKING'S  
JIH-TAN PARK, LOCATED IN THE HEART OF ONE OF THE TWO  
DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND AREAS. THE TWO LETTERS, ONE ADDRESSED  
TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE OTHER TO SOVIET GENERAL SECRETARY  
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BREZHNEV, ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A NOTE REQUESTING THAT THE  
FINDER -- THE "FOREIGN FRIEND" -- DEVISE A WAY TO SEND THEM  
TO THEIR DESTINATION. EACH CARRIES AN INSCRIPTION WARNING  
THAT "UNAUTHORIZED OPENING OF THIS LETTER IS A CRIME AGAINST  
THE UN CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL LAW".

3. THE LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER IS DRAFTED IN

RESPECTFUL AND APPROVING STYLE. IT DECLARES THAT THE "GREAT CHINESE YOUTH" DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS HAD WITNESSED YOUR COMING TO CHINA SEVERAL TIMES (SIC)...."TO HANDLE RELATIONS SO AS TO OPPOSE THE SOVIET UNION'S BREZHNEV." THE INTRODUCTION ALSO NOTES APPROVINGLY THE VISIT TO PEKING LAST AUGUST BY SECRETARY VANCE.

4. THE LETTER'S MESSAGE IS SIMPLE: "ALTHOUGH OUR TWO SOCIETIES ARE GOVERNED BY DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, WE ARE UNANIMOUS IN OUR HATRED FOR THE ANIMAL BREZHNEV." THE AUTHOR FORESEES

A NEW WORLD WAR LAUNCHED BY THE SOVIET UNION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, "PRIMARLY DIRECTED AGAINST YOU." HENCE THE NECESSITY FOR UNITY BETWEEN THE US AND THE PRC.

5. THE AUTHOR MAKES PLAIN THAT TAIWAN IS ANOTHER MATTER. HE STATES THAT THE YOUTH OF CHINA WILL RESOLUTELY CARRY OUT THE BEHESTS OF CHAIRMAN MAO AND PREMIER CHOU TO "COMPLETE THE SACRED MISSION OF LIBERATING TAIWAN AND UNITING THE FATHERLAND." THIS, HE ADDS, "HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU ... YOU NEED NOT INQUIRE ABOUT IT."

6. THE LETTER TO BREZHNEV HAS SIMILAR CONTENT ALTHOUGH A VERY DIFFERENT TONE. AGAIN STRESSING THE UNITED RESOLVE OF CHINESE YOUTH TO OPPOSE SOVIET AGGRESSION, IT REFERS TO BREZHNEV AS "YOU ANIMAL BREZHNEV", WARNS THAT "WHOEVER  
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DARES TO LAUNCH A NEW WORLD WAR HARMING THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, WE CHINESE YOUTH WILL RESOLUTELY STRIKE DOWN," AND CLOSES WITH THE OATH "WE THE GREAT YOUTH OF CHINA WISH YOU TEN THOUSAND DEATHS FOR YOUR GREAT CRIMES."

7. THE LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER REFERS TO TWO EARLIER UNANSWERED LETTERS, ONE SENT REGISTERED MAIL LAST YEAR FROM SHANTUNG PROVINCE, YISHUI HSIEN POST OFFICE AND THE OTHER SENT FROM PEKING. WE PRESUME THAT THE IRREGULAR MODE OF DELIVERY OF THESE LETTERS REFLECTS SOME SUSPICION THAT PRC POSTAL AUTHORITIES DID NOT SEE FIT TO SEND THE EARLIER ONES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DESTINATIONS.

8. USLO WILL POUCH TO DEPARTMENT ORIGINAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND COPY LETTER TO BREZHNEV.  
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